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SUBJ: DELIVERY OF F-5E AIRCRAFT

1. EMB UNDERSTANDS FROM MILITARY CHANNELS THAT PRESENT PLANNING FOR DELIVERY OF FIRST CONTINGENT F-5E'S CALLS FOR AIRCRAFT TO BE DELIVERED MARCH 16 BY C-5 AT BOLE AIRPORT, ADDIS.

2. ARRIVAL F-5ES ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL CAUSE BIG SPLASH IN THIS PART OF WORLD AND BE SUBJECT TO VARIETY OF INTERPRETATIONS. OBSERVERS WILL SPECULATE ABOUT ADDITION OF THESE AIRCRAFT TO EPMG INVENTORY JUST AT TIME WHEN ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI TENSIONS ARE ON RISE OVER BOTH TFAI AND OGADEN. SPECULATION WILL NO DOUBT INCLUDE MUSINGS ABOUT US ROLE AND OBJECTIVES IN HORN OF AFRICA. OTHERS MAY SPECULATE ABOUT USE OF AIRCRAFT IN ERITREA.

3. SINCE THERE NOT POSSIBILITY OF LANDING C-5 ELSEWHERE IN ETHIOPIA, AND AIRCRAFT IS TOO BIG TO HIDE ANYWHERE AT ADDIS AIRPORT, ITS ARRIVAL WILL NOT ESCAPE PUBLIC NOTICE AND WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT WORD WILL GET AROUND QUICKLY ABOUT ITS CARGO. AT THAT POINT WE CAN EXPECT PRESS
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INQUIRIES. WE WILL WANT TO BE IN POSITION TO REPLY.

4. IDEALLY WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ARRIVAL OF C-5,
CONFIRM IF NECESSARY THAT ITS CARGO CONSISTED OF MILITARY
EQUIPMENT BUT ADD THAT C-5'S ARRIVAL HAD NO PARTICULAR
SIGNIFICANCE BEING LONG PLANNED IN CONTEXT OF REGULAR
ON-GOING PROGRAM OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR ETHIOPIA.
AS FOR CARGO, IT IS LONG-STANDING U.S. POLICY NOT TO
DIVULGE INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S GUIDANCE SOONEST.
WHATEVER WE SAY SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH EPMG, THE
EARLIER THE BETTER SINCE EPMG WILL SAY NOTHING THEMSELVES
AND WILL WISH TO COMMENT ON OUR PROPOSED PRESS GUIDANCE.
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